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Status

- ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 8/24/00
- ☒ This action is FINAL.
- ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- ☒ Claim(s) 132, 136-138, + 141-143 is/are pending in the application.
- Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- ☒ Claim(s) 132, 136-138, + 141-143 is/are rejected.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

- ☐ See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.
- ☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.
- ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d)

- ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
 - ☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☒ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) 08/036,555
 - ☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 1.7.2(a)).
- *Certified copies not received: _____

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s) 7
- ☐ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948
- ☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152
- ☐ Other _____

Office Action Summary

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Response to Amendment

1. The Group and/or Art Unit location of your application in the PTO has changed. To aid in correlating any papers for this application, all further correspondence regarding this application should be directed to Group Art Unit 1647.
2. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
3. Any objections or rejections made in a previous Office Action that are not herein reinstated have been withdrawn.
4. Claims 132, 136-138, and 141-143 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-2 of U.S. Patent No. 5,602,096. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the process steps of administering a ligand for the erb B2 receptor or a GGF are the same (*Ex parte Novitski*, 26 USPQ 1391). The instant process claims recite acetylcholine receptor synthesis stimulating activity. The sequences recited in the instant claims either encode an amino acid sequence comprising, or are an amino acid sequence comprising, SEQ ID NO: 170 recited in claim 2 of U.S. Patent No. 5,602,096 or its encoding sequence recited in claim 1 of the patent. New claims 142-143 recite limitations which are inherent to the product used in the patented claims.

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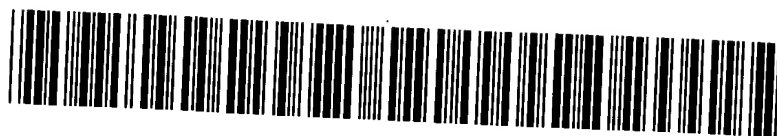
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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

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